

## OLIVE BRANCH EXTENDED.

Old Dominion Committeemen Still at Odds Over Federal Officers.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Members of the Republican committee for Virginia were in the city last evening and it was expected they would have a conference about the distribution of Federal offices in the Old Dominion. Committee men Waddell and Agnew were said to have come to the city for that purpose. No conference was held, however, although Mr. Agnew called upon General Walker, representative in Congress. Gen. Walker says he will attend any formal meeting of the committee, but he will refuse to attend any informal meeting.

The party differences over appointments for the marshal and United States attorney for Western Virginia appear to be as far from settlement as ever. The Agnew faction is supporting Brown Allen for

the marshalship, and General Walker and Representative Yost are determined to resist the appointment to the extreme. It is claimed that Mr. Allen was formerly a Reel man, but that he was won over to McKinley by promise of the marshalship. Gen. Walker and Mr. Yost are attacking Mr. Allen's record as a public official in Virginia. Gen. Walker is in favor of Col. Bowen for the marshalship. He would leave the naming of the attorney to Mr. Yost, who is said to favor W. C. Franklin, of Appomattox. Col. Bowen is a distinguished citizen of the Old Dominion, and his family has owned land in Virginia for generations.

## TREASURY HOLDING OF GOLD.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The records of the Treasury Department show that the amount of net gold on hand to-day was \$158,191,669, which is greater than at any time since August, 1890, when it was \$185,837,581.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS.

Income From Ely Fund Appropriated to Virginia Theological Seminary.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the American Church Missionary Society was held here yesterday. Gen. Wager Swayne, U. S. A., the president of the society, presided. Rev. J. Thompson Cole, general secretary, New York, submitted the report of the executive committee. It stated in part: "The apparent loss to the society from the misconduct of its late treasurer has been once more increased by the amount of \$6,893.65, the principal of a second mortgage, which was given by him to the society, and which a forced sale under the first mortgage has extinguished. The income of the Ely fund of \$20,000 has been for many years devoted to Grissold College, Iowa. In compliance with the terms of the deed the committee have withheld the income for a year and appropriate it to the Theological Seminary of Virginia."

Gen. Wager Swayne was re-elected president. Rev. Dr. J. H. Elliott, of Washington, was among the vice-presidents selected.

## WHEAT REACHES \$1.01.

Highest Price Reached in the Chicago Markets for Months.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—There was another tightening of the screws on the shorts in December wheat yesterday. The high water mark was touched about noon, when \$1.01 was bid and accepted for a few small lots. This was 3-4 cents above yesterday's closing figures and the highest price for wheat in this market for months. Then, as was the case in yesterday's squeeze, brokers for the bull clique let go of enough to cause a decline to \$1, and the market finished within a fraction of that price.

There was very little trading done. In fact, with the exception of the few lots offered at the top, no December wheat was for sale. Where the market will go when navigation closes is a question, and shorts are looking forward to that time with anxiety. Some brokers predict the December price will go to \$1.15, while others make the estimate as high as \$2.

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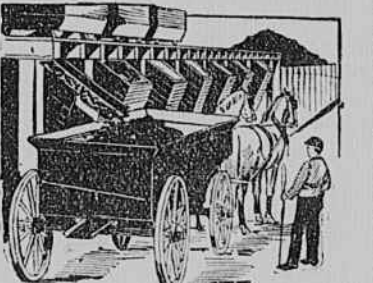
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## JOHNSON'S BOSWELL.

The Alleged Original Source of Our Knowledge of English Literature.

To some of us—I suspect, indeed, to a good many—Boswell represents the original source not only of knowledge about Johnson, but of our knowledge of English literature in general. He was our introducer to the great anonymous club formed by English men of letters from the days when Shakespeare met Ben Jonson to the days when Carlyle discoursed to Froude. We became members of the craft in spirit under Boswell's guidance, whether we have or have not become actually identified with it in the flesh. It therefore becomes next to impossible to abstract from Boswell—all our later knowledge has been more or less ingrafted upon him, however far we may have traveled from the source. Boswell gave the nucleus, and more or less consciously we have used his world as a standard inevitably taken into account in all later judgments. To suppose Boswell nonexistent is for such readers to suppose a kind of organic change in our whole estimate of literary characteristics.

When reading, especially about some of the other famous talkers, Coleridge's monologues or Sydney Smith's explosions of fun, I find myself thinking how they would have sounded at the Miter or the Turk's Head. Thanks to Boswell, I take the Johnsonian article to be a fixed datum like the official yard at the Tower, and to be asked to put that out of my head is to be invited to deprive myself of my only measuring rod. It is exceedingly difficult, at any rate, to put oneself outside of Boswell and to construe a portrait of Johnson simply out of such other materials as are here put together.

I have read Hawkins and Mrs. Piozzi and the rest, but always with the help of the preconceived notions. Where they could be fitted into Boswell I have accepted them as corroborations, but when they differed I have probably rejected the unconvincing elements with perhaps a careless assumption that they must be inaccurate, and yet it seems only justice to these respectable persons to consider whether we ought not to reopen the point. If Miss D'Arbly saw something of Johnson which was not revealed to Boswell, may we not discover similar supplementary hints in the other attempts at portraiture?—Leslie Stephen in National Review.

## Diamonds.

Professor Crookes, in his recent remarkable lecture on diamonds, mentioned some interesting facts concerning that always popular subject. When in examining diamonds under polarized light the black cross of the polarizer revolves around a particular spot in the inside of the crystal and the point is examined with a high power, a slight flaw and more rarely a minute cavity are sometimes seen. This cavity is filled with gas at an enormous pressure, and the strain which is set up in the stone by the effort of the gas to escape is not infrequently removed only by the explosion of the gem. It is not at all uncommon for a diamond to explode soon after it reaches the surface, and some have been known to burst in the pockets of the miners or when held in the warm hand. Large crystals are more liable to burst than smaller pieces. Valuable stones have been destroyed in this way, and it is whispered that cunning dealers have often done a handsome stroke of business by allowing responsible clients to handle or carry in their warm pockets large crystals fresh from the mine. By way of safeguard against explosion some dealers embed large diamonds in raw potatoes to insure safe transit on the ocean voyage.

Professor Crookes showed that a diamond could actually be too hard. From a rich yield of beautifully white diamonds in New South Wales great things were expected. When a parcel of many hundred carats came to England, it was found they were so hard as to be practically unworkable as gems, and they were ultimately sold for rock boring purposes. The intense hardness of the diamond was illustrated by an experiment. The diamond was placed on the flattened apex of a conical block of steel, and on it was brought down a second cone of steel. As these cones were forced together by hydraulic power the image of the diamond and the steel faces of the cones were projected on the screen with an electric lantern. The stone was seen to be squeezed right into the steel blocks without being injured in the slightest degree.

## Limbless Cotton.

An interesting sight at Opelika, Ala., is a patch of "limbless" cotton. The plants are from five to seven feet high and have no limbs or branches at all. The bolls form on little twigs two and three inches long, and when in bloom the stalk presents the appearance of a white column. A crop of about four bales to the acre is what is expected under fair conditions. This Alabama patch is the property of the Rev. L. N. Fitzpatrick, a presiding elder of the negro Methodist church, and such is his care of his unique crop and his confidence in his neighbors that he watches it at night with a dog and gun.—Exchange.

## Kills.

Between 150,000 and 200,000 kills are made every year. The killed regiments of regulars, militia and volunteers number some 17 battalions. As the military kill is only provided biennially this represents a supply of 7,000 a year.

Among the many devices to assist the blind one of the best is a typewriter in which the keys have raised letters and which punctuates the paper with either letters or the dots contained in one of the blind alphabets.

In North Dakota the killing of quail and English and Chinese pheasants is prohibited until 1906, and beaver and otter cannot be trapped and killed until 1903.

Oysters by the pint, quart or galloo at Bonner's restaurant.

## WASHINGTON WAS KILLED!

Some Unpublished Facts About His Last Illness and the Lesson They Convey to Men and Women of the Present Day



It is not generally known that General Washington was killed in a most cruel and barbarous manner, but it is nevertheless a fact.

At the time of his death, Washington was in his sixty-eighth year, a strong robust man. On December 12, 1799, he contracted a severe cold and pneumonia threatened. Two doctors were summoned and, in accordance with the absurd custom of those days, they proceeded to bleed their patient. Nearly a quart of blood was taken from his veins, until at last he begged them to let him die in peace. He died that same day—not from disease, but actually from loss of blood. He was killed by ignorance!

In these days, any doctor who treated a patient as Washington was treated, would be indicted for manslaughter. The world was moved since then, and there has been a complete revolution in the practice of medicine. Instead of lowering the vital forces by thinning the blood, advanced physicians now endeavor to build up the strength of their patients. They employ only the latest and most scientific remedies.

And yet, in spite of this fact, we find thousands of people endeavoring to improve their health by taking old-fashioned medicines. They forget that chemists

and scientists have made great discoveries in recent years, and do not go back to the antiquated remedies and concoctions that were used a hundred years ago. It will not do.

What you, reader, need to cure the headaches, dizziness, tired, wornout and irritable feelings, constipation, and bearing down sensations is some modern discovery based on scientific truths that will strike at the root of the trouble. You are sick because your kidneys and liver are out of order, and you should at once see that they are put in order. "Yes," you say, "this is easy to assert, but what shall I do?" Take the best and most scientific discovery for these troubles you can find. Ask any advanced scientist what this is and he will tell you, Warner's Safe Cure. This discovery stands alone, by itself, and far above all so-called medicines of the past or nostrums of the present. In speaking about it Dr. William Edward Robson, of London, says: "I conscientiously and emphatically state that I have been able to give more relief and effect more cures by the use of Warner's Safe Cure than by any other medicine attainable to the profession."

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## CHAS. H. YALE'S "THE TWELVE TEMPTATIONS."

With all the stupendous attractions of ballet, pantomime, song and vaudeville, the grand spectacle, Chas. H. Yale's "The Twelve Temptations" will delight the patrons of the Academy of Music Wednesday, December 15. "As it has already obtained a world-wide celebrity, seats should be secured in advance. Hosts of pretty and fine-formed girls, funny comedians galore, costumes absolutely dazzling in their elegant magnificence, and scenic revelations, which will defy the descriptive power of the most fervid and fertile imagination, unite to render this gigantic and costly spectacle the grandest entertainment ever yet given in this country. The grand ballets for instance, "The Four Seasons," "The National Trio Issues," "The Reigning Female Fads," and the improved "Shaft of Light," etc., will introduce the famous premieres, Signoritas Ferrero and Bassoglio, while Mr. Yale's descriptive songs "Over the Bridge" (with realistic East River full stage setting); "All in a Row" (with popular airs played on champagne bottles and glasses by some hilarious couples); "Battery Park," "The Coming Women and the Going Men" will set everybody in a roar which will be kept at full blast by the funny devices of the trick acts and that comical conceit, "The Midnight Lunch." The Rosaries will execute their astounding acrobatic evolutions; John Harity will juggle as no one else can; Josie Sisson and Gus Bruno, Jr., will convulse in "Chanson Characteristique" and Rose Kessner will prove irresistible as "The Giddy Old Maid," while prominent from its exciting qualities will be a hotly contested boxing bout by the Brothers Elliott, which will also be productive of untold amusement. In the powerful dramatic cast will be found Caroline Rudolph, Madge Terrance, Lela Hutton, Annie Courtney, Josie Sisson, (who has no rival as a soubrette and skirt dancer); Gus Bruno, Jr. (whose Snore Sprolo will cause a cyclone of merriment), Chas. H. Henry and numerous other talented artists. The grand transformation set "Davy Jones' Locker" is a perfect revelation of the possibilities of the scenic art.

## HOUSEHOLD GODS.

The ancient Greeks believed that the penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of today is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of throat, chest and lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at Massie's Pharmacy. Regular size 50c and \$1.

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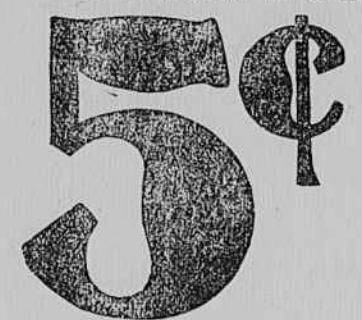
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United States bonds (to secure circulation) and premium	25,197.50
Real estate, furniture, fixtures, etc.	13,919.23
Redemption fund with United States Treasurer	1,125.00
Cash and exchange (gold coin \$20,000)	138,235.78
	\$519,693.48
Liabilities.	
Capital, surplus and profits	\$122,104.96
National bank notes outstanding	22,500.00
Deposits (individual, \$355,241.38; banks, \$19,804.14)	375,088.52
	\$519,693.48



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